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Re Application of:

Oswaldo da Costa e Silva et al.
Serial No. 09/828,447
Filed: April 6, 2001
For: Signal Transduction Stress-Related
Proteins and Methods of Use
in Plants

Art Unit: 1638
Examiner: Cynthia Collins

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims.

AMENDMENTS

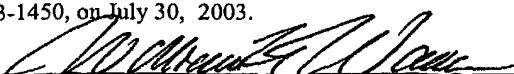
In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 36, 40, 50, 53, and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 37-39, 41-49, 51, 52, 54-56, and 58 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)

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